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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

2. A production method of an absorption refrigerator using a refrigerant and its absorption solution, comprising:

heating a surface of at least a part of a heat exchanger and high temperature regenerator in atmosphere.

3. A production method of an absorption refrigerator using a refrigerant and its absorption solution, comprising: